

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| APPLICANT: | Joshi et al. | § | |
| | | § | Group Art Unit: 3673 |
| SERIAL NO.: | 10/711,487 | § | |
| | | § | EXAMINER: Sunil Singh |
| FILED: | September 21, 2004 | § | |
| | | § | Confirmation No. 5486 |
| FOR: | Distributed Buoyancy Subsea | § | |
| | Pipeline Apparatus and Method | § | |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 18, 2006

Atty. Docket No.: 030742/KEL-111

Date: July 18, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the office action dated April 18, 2006 and in response requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Please find enclosed the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 2.

Remarks, beginning on page 11.